

May 2002 - Administrative and Civil Sanctions

The Law Reform and Revision Division was tasked by the Attorney-General to study whether and in what circumstances criminal offences should be reclassified as non-criminal infringements, and to investigate the use of administrative and civil sanctions as enforcement mechanisms. This consultation paper discusses the use of administrative and civil sanctions in 2 major contexts: first, as an *alternative* to criminal penalty regimes, where it is determined that a criminal offence should be reclassified as a non-criminal infringement of the law; and second, as a *complement* to the criminal penalty regime, where it is determined that it would be useful and appropriate to allow administrative or civil action to be taken before the criminal process is used. Consultation was closed on 1 July 2002.